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Title Analysis Reflection

I feel that there is a lot that I can still improve on as a writer. I have always found a struggle analyzing poems. I can easily stare at a poem for ten minutes and have no clue what is going on. I improve with each poem I read, but I would consider analyzing poems one of my weaknesses. I have easier time writing about poems with each assignment. An improvement in analyzing poems helps my writing tremendously.

As I wrote my Explication, I found myself repeating the same points. I felt that I did not pick a poem with enough material to work with. I found one message of the poem. The father taught his son the lesson of sacrifice through the game of baseball. I believe that my lack of points to make in my essay led to lapses in organization. I repeated the same thoughts about the father’s sacrifice several times in the poem.

I have found this year that I am more successful writing about prompts I care about. I appreciate the message of the poem and therefore had an easier time writing this analysis. I appreciate all of the sacrifices my parents have made for me throughout the years. There have been countless hours of taking care of me while I was sick or injured, car rides to practice, and helping me prepare for the next school day. I appreciate all that my parents do for me each and every day. As I begin to realize I really will leave home in six months for college, I thank my parents for helping me with all the success I have had during my childhood. I could not have accomplished much without the support and dedication of my parents. Writing about something I care about was crucial to my success in this assignment.